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Assistance for humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and development for East Timor

The General Assembly,

Recalling all of its relevant resolutions on the situation in East Timor,

Recalling also the relevant Security Council resolutions and decisions on the situation in East Timor, in particular resolution 1272 (1999) of 25 October 1999,

Recalling further the Agreed Conclusions 1998/1 and 1999/1 of the humanitarian affairs segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 46/182 of 19 December 1991 and the Guiding Principles contained in the annex to that resolution,

Recalling also the agreements of 5 May 1999 between Indonesia and Portugal, and between the United Nations, Indonesia and Portugal, on modalities and security arrangements for the popular consultation, welcoming the successful conduct of the popular consultation of the East Timorese people on 30 August 1999, taking note of its outcome, which began a process of transition under the authority of the United Nations towards independence, and welcoming the decision of the Indonesian People's Consultative Assembly on 19 October 1999 concerning East Timor,

Emphasizing the urgent need for humanitarian assistance to overcome the grave humanitarian situation resulting from violence and damage to property in East Timor and the large-scale displacement of East Timorese civilians, including large numbers of women and children,

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1. *Welcomes* the contribution of Member States, the United Nations system, international organizations and non-governmental organizations in addressing the humanitarian assistance needs of the people of East Timor;

2. *Welcomes also* the establishment by Security Council resolution 1272 (1999) of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor, whose mandate includes the coordination and delivery of humanitarian, rehabilitation and development assistance as well as the appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator as the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in East Timor and Transitional Administrator of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor;

3. *Emphasizes* the importance of close consultation and collaboration with the East Timorese people and organizations in the planning and delivery of humanitarian, rehabilitation and development assistance to East Timor;

4. *Requests* all Member States to urgently respond to fully meet the requirements of the United Nations consolidated inter-agency appeal for the East Timor crises, which was launched on 27 October 1999;

5. *Urges* Member States to respond fully to meet the identified needs of the Transitional Administration, including in such areas as the provision of civil and social services, institutions and capacity;

6. *Welcomes* the Joint Assessment Mission of the World Bank, United Nations agencies, the donor community, the Asian Development Bank and the East Timorese to assess the immediate and long-term rehabilitation, reconstruction and development needs of East Timor, within the United Nations arrangements for East Timor and in close cooperation with immediate relief and rehabilitation efforts, and requests all Member States to respond to fully meet the needs identified;

7. *Welcomes also* in this regard the convening of the Donors Meeting for East Timor in Tokyo on 16 and 17 December 1999;

8. *Calls upon* Member States, United Nations agencies, other international organizations and non-governmental organizations to continue to collaborate to ensure the safe and unhindered access and provision of humanitarian, rehabilitation and development assistance to all those in need in East Timor, including internally displaced persons;

9. *Calls upon* Member States, United Nations agencies and other international organizations to continue to collaborate, in full cooperation with the Indonesian Government, to ensure safe and unimpeded access for humanitarian assistance to the East Timorese in western Timor and other parts of Indonesia, including those who do not wish to return to East Timor, in accordance with national and international law;

10. *Welcomes* the assurances given by the Indonesian authorities regarding the activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and other humanitarian organizations, including the security of the personnel of the Office of the High Commissioner, and assurances regarding free access to all East Timorese in western Timor;

11. *Calls* upon Member States to ensure the voluntary, safe and unimpeded return of refugees and displaced persons to East Timor, emphasizes the responsibility of States to ensure the civilian and humanitarian character of refugee and displaced persons camps and settlements, and, in this regard, welcomes the policy of the Indonesian Government to ensure that the East Timorese have the freedom to exercise their right to return voluntarily, to remain in western Timor or to relocate within other parts of Indonesia or other countries;

12. *Welcomes*, in this regard, the memorandum of technical understanding of 22 November 1999 establishing a joint border monitoring group to ensure safe conditions in the border area and to facilitate the efficient and safe flow of returning East Timorese refugees;

13. *Urges* the United Nations to continue to address the humanitarian, rehabilitation and development needs of East Timor,

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the implementation of the present resolution for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session.